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Dear John:

For some time your people have been on standard distribution for both of the FBIS publications, "Economic Abstracts from USSR and Eastern Europe Broadcasts" and "Economic Abstracts from Far East Broadcasts." It has been decided to discontinue these publications with the weekly issuances of 17 August 1954, in favor of a more comprehensive system.

All economic information of the type presently contained in the "Abstracts" will thereafter be printed on 5 x 8 inch cards and limited dissemination will be made on a daily basis, although not necessarily the same day the items are received. It is estimated that 4,000 to 5,000 cards per month will be issued initially, with a gradual increase to about 6,000 cards monthly by the end of 1955. These cards will be numbered consecutively, and will carry a single item which will include a country designation by source and subject.

I shall be glad to arrange the forwarding of as many sets as required of all FBIS economic cards. A reply by 9 August 1954 will ensure receipt of the initial distribution of the cards.

Sincerely,

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Chief, FBIS

cc: Chief, London Bureau, FBIS

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